

Weekly Fire Weather / Fire Danger Outlook

Wednesday 12 October 2005 to Tuesday 18 October 2005

****** This will be the last Weekly Outlook for the 2005 season ******

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Weather Discussion

Last Week: A strong cold front pushed through EGB Friday and Saturday (7-8 October) bringing colder and wetter weather to much of the area for the weekend. Snow fell over much of the high country as the upper trough moved east. A warming trend began Monday as a weak ridge developed over the intermountain west.

Next Week: Temperatures will warm through the end of the week as high pressure continues to build over the region. Another PAC NW trough will push into the western states, leaving a cutoff low by the weekend over the southern Great Basin. Showers and possibly thunderstorms could develop over Utah by Sunday and Monday (16-17 October). Slightly cooler weather will move into the region by Tuesday (18 October).

7-Day Forecast

Idaho/Western Wyoming: *Payette, Central Idaho, Boise, South Idaho, East Idaho, Bridger-Teton Dispatch Areas*

Day/Date	Fire Danger	Weather
Wed - Fri (12-14 October)	Low	Mostly sunny. Gradual warming.
Sat - Sun (15-16 October)	Low	Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered rain and snow showers...mainly mountains.
Mon - Tue (17-18 October)	Low	Partly cloudy. Cool.

Northern Utah: *Northern Utah, Uintah Basin Dispatch Areas*

Day/Date	Fire Danger	Weather
Wed - Sun (12-16 October)	Moderate (below 7000') – Low (above 7000')	Mostly sunny. Gradual warming. Breezy Saturday and Sunday.
Mon - Tue (17-18 October)	Low	Mostly cloudy with scattered rain and snow showers. Isolated thunderstorms possible. Turning cooler.

Southern Utah/Arizona Strip: *Richfield, Cedar City, Moab Dispatch Areas*

Day/Date	Fire Danger	Weather
Wed -Sat (12-15 October)	Moderate (below 8000') – Low (high elevations)	Mostly sunny with gradual warming. Breezy Friday and Saturday.
Sun - Tue (16-18 October)	Low	Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Snow showers possible at higher elevations. Turning cooler.

Fuels Discussion

Idaho/Wyoming: Cool and dry days will keep some potential for fire in lower and mid elevations but short burn periods will mitigate any hazardous conditions.

Northern Utah: Drying through this week will keep fine fuels receptive to ignition but short burn periods and cool nights with high relative humidity should mitigate any hazardous conditions.

Southern Utah/Arizona Strip: Moderate conditions will remain in place for lower and mid elevations as warm and dry weather persists through the week. Increase in moisture by the weekend should reduce fire potential significantly. Breezy conditions late in the week will impact existing fires and RX burns.

Resources: Eastern Great Basin is at Preparedness Level 1, and nationally the Preparedness Level is 3. There are no Incident Management Teams committed within the Great Basin. One Type 1 and two Type 2 Incident Management Teams are committed to Hurricane Recovery efforts.

As of October 11, 2005 there are four SEATs available in Idaho, and smokejumpers with aircraft in McCall, Idaho. Local dispatch centers are reporting sufficient resources for light to moderate initial and extended attack activity, and continue to conduct prescribed fire activities. Large fire activity would require resources from outside of the Geographic area.

Fire Danger Map

